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Try a RAD new way to feel safe

Participating women will be introduced to techniques that can help them feel safe, stay safe and defend themselves.

by Rhalda Jansen

For students who would like to feel safer and better able to defend themselves against attack, Fitchburg State College is presenting a program on Rape Aggression Defense for women. This free new program, sponsored by Campus Police, the Office of Campus Living and Student Affairs, is being offered from 6 to 10 p.m. on Nov. 8, 10, 15 and 17, in the McKay gym.

The four-session program is led by Sgt. Mike Marcil from Campus Police and Julie Robbins from Campus Living, both of whom are certified



RAD instructors.

The first session is designed as an informational meeting, in which the participating women are introduced to different techniques on how to feel safe, stay safe, and defend themselves.

Vocalizing is a very important part of

self-defense, participants in the first session are told; yelling (rather than screaming) can show an assailant how powerful the intended victim really is.

After this introduction, it's workout time and the next three meetings will be quite physical.

By practicing different self-defense techniques in the McKay gym, students can feel safer, more empowered, ready to confront any attacker.

The last session will offer the chance to work through a simulation attack and beat up Sgt. Marcil, who will be all packed up in a protective suit for the occasion.

The program has already been held once before on campus.

Students who would like to participate, but missed the Nov. 8 session, are urged to attend the Nov. 10, 15 and 17

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Campus Police promote buddy system

The 'adopt a cop' program allows students and campus police to interact in a more casual manner.

by Margaret Shepardson-Legere

Campus Police officers at Fitchburg State College are making a real effort to get to know the students better. In fact, the Campus Police Department has initiated an "adopt-a-cop" outreach program that has 13 officers committed to personally contacting 650 freshman and transfer students, according to FSC Campus Police Officer Bill Mayrose.

In a recent discussion with the journalism class at FSC, Mayrose said his department has received a list of the 650 new incoming students from the Admissions Office. "Each officer must make personal contact with 50 students, give them some flyers about our department; and just allow them to have a personal contact with the department so that if they have a question or issue and



Officer Bill Mayrose says it's important for Campus Police to connect with students.

just don't feel comfortable asking someone, in general they can go to their 'adopted cop,'" Mayrose explained.

Contact is made in a variety of ways, Mayrose said. A message might be sent

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Black Student Union takes a leadership role on campus

by Jen Brenner

The Black Student Union has provided the campus with several educational and community-service programs this semester.

During October, this student organization held a voter registration drive. This event provided a service to both Fitchburg State College students and the Fitchburg community.

Members of BSU also participated in the Racism and Diversity Panel Discussion on Oct. 4.

In addition, BSU has presented two educational programs to the FSC community this semester.

On Oct. 14, BSU and the Class of 2001 sponsored a program about the Armenian Genocide and on Oct. 22, BSU sponsored a presentation by the Rev. Eugene Rivers.

Members of BSU also participated

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Campus Police make connection with new students at FSC

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by mail or by phone, or an officer might drop by the residence hall and leave a message containing the officer's name and information, Mayrose said.

Carolyn Reidy-Ruberti, administrative assistant to Campus Police Chief Brian McCullough, said that contact is made in an unobtrusive manner. "This is not a watchdog program," Reidy-Ruberti said in a recent interview. "It's the exact opposite: we're here to help and make sure students know who we are."

"Adopt-a-cop" programs are fairly new to college campuses, Reidy-Ruberti said. "Chief McCullough had heard of these types of programs before and was interested in developing a similar program at FSC," she said.

The final motivation came when he read the article "Hello to Arms" in the March 1999 issue of College Planning and Management, she said. The article contains an interview with the chief of Campus Police at the State University of New York at Binghamton, where such an outreach program was already in place. The results of this program

were encouraging, the article reported, and the SUNY Binghamton Campus Police chief was quoted as saying the program "built confidence in our officers and breaks down preconceived notions (that) we're here to just bust people and give them a hard time."

After reading the article, McCullough decided that such a program would fit in well with his own department's approach to community policing, Reidy-Ruberti said.

Officer Mayrose said, "Community policing is not a new concept to Fitchburg State College. They have been implementing this approach long before the term (community policing) became popular in the 1990s."

While city and town police departments practice law enforcement that's driven by "reaction response," FSC's Campus Police department takes a different approach, Mayrose said. "We regulate behavior," he said. "We are not so much a response department, (we are) more of a proactive department. This department is very interested in getting involved."

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classes.

These last three are considered the most important, and students will still be able to graduate by doing three sessions.

The third and final series of the RAD program will be held Nov. 30 and Dec. 2, 7 and 9.

This will allow students with busy schedules to make arrangements to fit in the RAD program.

Further information concerning RAD can be obtained by contacting Julie Robbins at extension 3219, or Sgt. Mike Marcil at extension 3586.

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in the Green Comers Community Celebration that was sponsored by the Volunteer Center on Oct. 3.

BSU is the leader for the Five Star System with a total of 25 stars.

This organization is closely followed by LASO with a total of 19 stars and NSA with a total of 14 stars.

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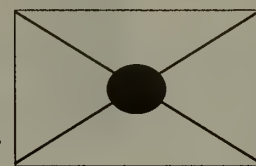
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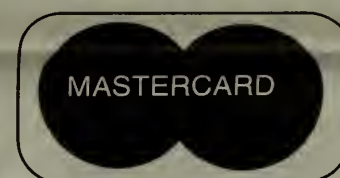
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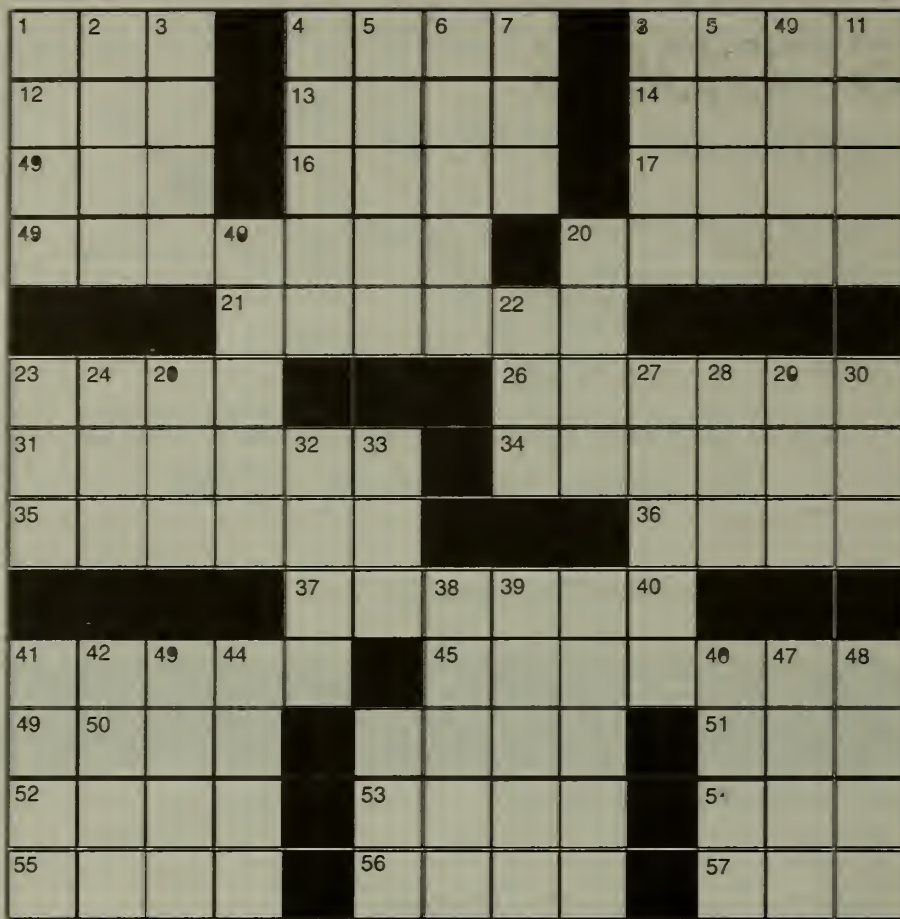
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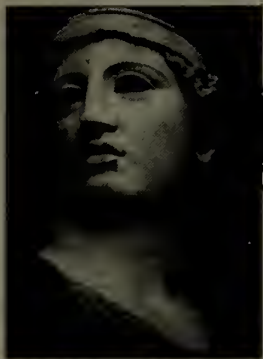
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Horror-scopes



Unfortunately, Cassandra was forced to return to her homeland when U.S. Immigration officials raided The Point office recently. Since no single astrologer could replace Cassandra, her column is being written by a new guest astrologer each week. The inspiration for this week's forecast was provided by Kimmie Brandon, an area 13-year-old girl. Kimmie likes rollerskating, "Dawson's Creek" and Billy Hopschins, but she doesn't want to marry him.

We hope the new format will continue to serve the needs of students who depend on these horoscopes to help them run their academic and social lives. And to those of you who are dependent on these horoscopes, we would like to ask: "What are you thinking?"

AnneMarie Donahue
editor-in-chief



Capricorn

You are the referee of life this week, keeping everyone within boundaries and making them play by the rules. For once in your life things are going your way, and you're actually noticing it! Don't question, just go with the flow! Single Caps are going to meet what they think is the man of their dreams, one who's just like them. This is either a guy from work or a bud, either way bad idea! Attached Caps need to travel with their honeys just for the heck of it. You are going to have a good week for money, as every time you look the wallet isn't empty, but don't go wild a drought could be on its way.

Aquarius

Okay, so this is really a lot like the time my best friend Jamie's cat died from eating all of her foundation, you are totally seeking stability in your life. You are going to have to make some repairs around your home, but the thing is right like it's not going to cost you money, but it's gonna be a major drag, you know? Love life, right okay, so if you're single you are going to meet a total nerd, but he might turn out to be a hottie in disguise so like, look closer, k? Oooh, also you have a really good chance for a promotion coming up, but just lay low for the time being and watch as it develops, then pounce!

Pisces

You are like a total psychic lately with your unique ability to like, see into people and get to the prob. You are just like Cindy, she follows this really popular girl Becky around all the time and everybody thinks she's pathetic, but at the same time we all envy. So don't worry about that, you are in a good position and your time to snatch the crown will come along shortly, and then you'll be a total Heather! You are the object of some unwanted attention this week, but don't freak - how often does it happen? Let the geek buy you dinner and flowers, he may not be Mr. Right, but he's a great Mr. Right Now.

Aries

You are all about you this week, but just because you are on a "me" campaign don't expect others to care about your little probs. Seriously, friends will not be all that interested in that fact that you are not around much and that your hectic schedule keeps you on your feet so don't get mad when they aren't completely receptive to your whining. Don't plan on Romeo coming thru anytime soon either, and it's not his fault you just move around too much for anyone to keep up! Single Rams get the cold-shoulder treatment by crushes. But all this rushing is good for something, my ouija tells me that you are up for a promotion - and the ouija doesn't lie!

Taurus

You need to get your butt into action this week and finish that project that you started oh so long ago! Your impatience is showing, but make sure that it's aimed at the right person - YOU! You are going to face some serious difficulties getting teammates to get on the ball and work with you, but perseverance is the key to getting it done. Also, if you are wondering "whatever shall I wear" while trying to catch the eye of a certain honey? Think up something sexy and different, maybe dust off some Halloween garb: A flashy real-estate agent? Game-show hostess? Dead flight attendant? Have a ball!

Gemini

Uhm... I don't know how to put this one, but okay, like you are really fertile this month... hint! But that could stand for lots of things, like you may start a new project, or get a new job, or meet a new guy and get pregnant.... whoops. You are a just like my other best friend Sandy, she's a bum magnet too! Those guys you are attracting are worse than flies, stop being so damn nice to them! Okay, money, no good news there either - sorry. You definately overspent at that sale last week, did you really need those shoes? Pay attention to the people your friends introduce you to, one might lead to a great new job!

Cancer

You need to get back on the Midol, girl, because you are just too emotional this week! What you need to do is get on the tred. burn off some carbs and you'll feel like a new you in no time! And while you're at it stop trying to fix everyone else's problems because it's really annoying! Single gals find love in a gentle guy who pampers you and loves your sensitivity, now if only he'd look like Freddie Prinze Jr.! Attached gals have to do the annual spent time with the boy and his 'rents. Hide your disgust when the father shows you his gun collection.

Leo

Time to clean out that closet. Try to redecorate as well, the wall color is so drab, spice it up with some Britney Spears and 'NSYNC posters! Single Leos need to look at their expectations for a guy, because he might already be in your life... That dreamy guy in Chem. lab who could be a total hottie if he decided? Attached Leos do the party scene with your honey and go out with groups! You need to stop that spending, girl! Ask for a raise or promotion at work, you'll probably get it and if you don't, what can they do, fire you? NO!

Virgo

Find that copy of "Titanic," that special guy and get ready for some serious couch cuddling! Coming up is some chance to get away and travel, but you have to watch yourself as you get wicked cranky when you get tired. You have a real eye for detail lately so make the most of it, look over those reports that are due just one more time and offer to help edit those of your buds. You also make very wise choices about money this week, so don't worry when you go out and spend a little money on yourself, you deserve it.

Libra

A little bit of fun may be in store for you. Or at least a little bit of solitude. An old someone may show up but you'll realize nothing's changed and so goodbye. Now to finances. They really need a lot of handling, ordering, and assessing. Extravagances are absolutely out, while the routine's in. If you feel jarred by anything or anyone, just pay attention and then be like Thich Nat Hahn and gently walk away. Dress like him, too.

Scorpio

You are gonna get off to a slow start, but don't worry once you build up that momentum you are just gonna burn! This is a great time for you to think about getting a new look together, why not try some new clothes, a new hair style, get you tongue pierced? You may make some new friends this week who are totally going to be there forever! Oh yeah, you are like a wise-old-sage this week, people will seek you out for advice, give it to them but be honest when you don't know. You are going to meet a guy who seems patient and sweet, but beware he's a jerk in Tommy Hilfinger clothing!

Sagittarius

You and your girlfriend are going to have a huge fight, but don't let it destroy your sisterhood! Stay patient and keep calm and everything will turn out all right in the end. The middle of the week is going to bring in some good news - possibly something about that total babe you've been groovin' over for weeks. He's a smarty, but don't be intimidated. Attached gals are going to have a tiff with their man this week about something totally petty. On the money scene things aren't looking up, it's time to cut out those trips to SearsTown and start saving away. A refund check may be coming soon.

Live, Beth Hart's kicking

Beth is a very strong, intuitive and intense performer who brings the entire audience to her world for a night.

by Robin E. Sandberg

I've always said that the best way to find out the true essence of an artist is to see them live. That was what I was doing at 11 p.m. Monday at the Hard Rock Café. Beth Hart ("Immortal" and "L.A. Song") approached the stage like she was walking into a bar, which she technically was. She took the stage and immediately began conversing with us about whatever happened to be on her mind at the moment - thoughts ranging from where she is from to her boyfriend in the corner to being a former love of X.

She began her set with the song "Get

Your Shit Together" from her new album. I

couldn't imagine a better song to express her energy and soul. with lyrics like "It's about time you get your shit together."

Immediately, the audience was enthralled and waited to see what she'd do next. I know many may have been waiting for her present single "L.A. Song" (which she did play later on that night), though I personally was anticipating "Skin" more than anything, which is also from her newly released album. Her words pounded through the bar along with the piano "If I lay me down, bow my head unto the



ground, would you heal my skin and these blisters within my skin"

I have said before that she is a mixture of Janis Joplin and Alanis Morissette, but the comparison doesn't do her justice. Beth is a very strong, intuitive and intense performer who brings the entire audience to her world for a night.

"Messenger" asks deeper question

by AnneMarie Donahue

After 500 years, the question "Who was Joan of Arc?" has not been fully answered. However, the new film "The Messenger" set for release on Nov. 12, asks the deeper question: "Why was Joan of Arc chosen?"

A simple peasant girl born in north-eastern France on January 6, 1412, Joan believed she was set apart by God to lead France to independence from England. She claimed that voices and then later the Archangel Michael had instructed her to come to the aid of Charles, King of France.

After convincing Charles that she was indeed sent by God, Joan was sent with armor and banner to Orleans, an

area that had been besieged by the English. After breaking the siege of Orleans, Joan saw to it that Charles was officially crowned the King of France on July 17, 1429.

Unfortunately like most heroes who do not die in battle, Joan was faced with the hardship of losing. The winter of 1429 was hard on her troops and in 1430 she was taken prisoner by the Burgundians, who promptly sold her to the English. Charles was not interested in buying her back. She was turned over to the church where she was tried and burned at the stake. The king she had seated on the throne refused to give her support and let the English kill her.

Joan died in 1431. However, this phenomenal woman and powerful leader did not become a canonized saint until 1920.

This movie leaves the viewer asking questions such as, "Was she sent by God?" and "Does God speak to people?" There's also a personal question that I have always wondered, "Why would God choose a side in a human war?"

This movie was very well designed and produced, the photography is delightful and the presentation was very



straightforward and uncompromising.

John Malkovitch plays a wonderful Charles VII, although history buffs may believe him too old to be the "bastard son" of Charles "the lunatic."

Unfortunately this movie is causing a stir in religious circles. This controversial film shows the church in a bad light, and shows a saint as something we would never expect them to be, human.

Milla Jovovich plays a wonderful Joan, so don't be shocked when she doesn't come out screeching like in the painful "The Fifth Element."

A wonderful film for anyone who enjoys history, a wonderful film for anyone who enjoys politics, a wonderful film for anyone who wonders about God's divine wisdom (or lack thereof), simply put: a wonderful film.

Puppets bridge entertainment gap with fun

by Tonya Dokulil

Whether you're a parent, a baby-sitter or an older sibling, you know it's the same thing every year: Cold weather sets in and the kids get bored. You've gone to the mall, the movies, the museum - what's left?

There's Drawbridge Puppet Theater, a Fitchburg-based group that offers everything from marionettes and hand puppets to caricatures and workshops. Productions use original scripts and music, and humor plays a role in this traveling troupe's work as well.

"We are different from everyone else," one employee said, explaining the theater's ongoing appeal. "No one else does what we do. It's kind of like how Mr. Rogers is still on television. He has been doing the same thing for 20 years, and the kids love it."

Drawbridge Puppet Theater offers a wide variety of shows. With the use of hand puppets, marionettes and shadow puppets, the troupe is able to perform 20 different stories geared to children of all ages.

Shows using shadow puppets include "Chicken Little" and "The Boy Who Cried Wolf"; hand puppets tell tales like "The Three Bears" and "The Frog Prince"; and marionettes brings such classics as "Cinderella" and "Pinocchio" to life.

Shows are followed by puppet-making workshops.

Drawbridge Puppet Theater is open year round and will travel to homes, businesses or schools. The theater is located at 181 Main St. in Fitchburg.

Further information and a schedule of upcoming shows can be obtained by calling 978-342-2552 or 800-401-3694.



'Fight Club' doesn't pull punches

by AnneMarie Donahue

A mental kick in the crotch is delivered to audiences watching Brad Pitt educate Edward Norton ("The People vs. Larry Flint") in the how-to world of bare-knuckles fighting known as "Fight Club." This movie pushes the boundaries of violence and sex, following in the footsteps of films such as "Natural Born Killers," "Pulp Fiction," and "Jane Austin's Mafia" (well okay, not that one).

"How much can you know about yourself if you've never been in a fight?" This is a serious question asked by Brad Pitt of Edward Norton.

Based on the debut novel by recent University of Oregon graduate Chuck Palanhiuk, this movie is about a confused young man living in the not-too-distant future. Looking to bond with anyone, Jack (Norton) visits cancer and disease support groups pretending to be terminally ill.

As Jack grows tired of his white collar, white-bread existence he is befriended by a devious character named Tyler Durden (Pitt) who introduces him to a whole new world of



stress-relief techniques: beating the crap out of one another. As the club grows in popularity Durden becomes a cult hero and a messiah for a dead generation.

A side story to the rise and times of Durden is that our nameless narrator (Jack/Norton) gets mixed up in a love triangle with Tyler and a girl named Marla who has a never-ending supply of ex-boyfriends.

As the movie progresses down the strange path that it takes, the darkness of "Fight Club" becomes more prevalent. This movie uses lots of violence, but the use is honest. We don't have

any heroes with bullet-ridden bodies doing incredible stunts, or big megastars brushing off shots that would floor a normal human. The violence in this film is real, which is why it makes so many people uncomfortable, but that's what violence is supposed to do.

This is a must-see for anyone interested in venturing outside the safe and humble world of typical box-office smash hit. If it sounds a little too vulgar for you, perhaps you should wait until that Pokemon movie comes out. Just one last thing before I leave, you won't believe what the soap's made out of!



Big surprise, they're the same person! As if you didn't see that one coming!

Village Coffeehouse opens doors to let in music

by Sarah Barss

Once a month, generally the third Saturday of the month, The Village Coffeehouse at the First Parish Church in Berlin opens its doors to anyone looking for an enjoyable evening of acoustic music. It is conveniently located on Route 62, two miles from 495.

Robyn Tarantino, who runs the coffeehouse along with a host of volunteers, said the concerts have been happening for the past six years. She says, "The goal of the coffeehouse is to provide occasional evenings of affordable entertainment." When we went to the church council about starting it, they specifically said they wanted the performances to

be affordable. The church really felt they didn't want anyone to feel they couldn't come out for a night of music. That's why we keep our prices as low as we can.

At \$7, The Village Coffeehouse is one of the better deals around — cheaper than a movie!

In the past, the coffeehouse has hosted such favorites as Don White, Greg Greenway and Maria Sangiolo.

At a recent concert, Susie Burke and Davis Surette brought their distinctive, uplifting style of music to an attentive audience.

Burke and Surette are a husband-and-wife team from Berwick, Maine. Although they do perform separately, being married and performing together add a deeper meaning to their music. They complement each other, bringing their individual strengths together into one glorious sound.

Burke's vocals are pure and clear, evoking a very spiritual feeling. Many

of her songs sent chills of emotion through the audience. Surette added backup vocals, along with his mastery of guitar, mandolin and bouzouki. Surette is well known for his

Celtic guitar arrangements.

Burke and Surette performed a number of covers as well as original tunes. Whether doing covers or originals, Burke and Surette mesmerize the audience with songs like Greg Brown's "Mississippi Serenade," and "Song of Bernadette," written by Leonard Cohen and Jennifer Warnes.

Burke says it's great to work with her husband. "Music is something that is so important to us. To share one of the things that is most important with the person who is most important to you (as well as our kids!) is a gift."

The Village Coffeehouse is family oriented. You're apt to see toddlers as



well as elderly people there as well as every age in between. Like many coffeehouses, the Village Coffeehouse offers a variety of delicious desserts along with coffee, tea, and cocoa. All proceeds support the First Parish Church's music ministry.

On Nov. 20, Chuck and Mud, a Worcester-based husband-and-wife team, will be performing. Their repertoire includes some of the best music from the 60's, 70's and 80's along with great original songs. If you would like to get on the mailing list so you can hear about upcoming concerts, call (978) 838-2734.



Poetry Corner

by Theresa Journeau

There is nothing to fill my dreams now that you are gone

My own dreams sleep as if they tire of their own thoughts

What song would i sing if you could hear me?

If it was everything i ever wanted to say to you

Would the lyrics bleed off the pages?

Made up of all those wounds that i still feel

The words would catch in my throat struggling

Dying as surely as they were made

What a strange trip my words take from my mind

To these lips that destroy their meaning

School stories by Adanna Agbo

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One night leads to obsession

Not everyone who walks around the streets among others is sane. There are lots of sick, insane people out there, and the worst thing about it is that they look normal. They walk around in normal clothes, normal shoes, fooling people into thinking that all the screws in their head are in tight.

Winnie was my best friend Stacey's roommate. She was an average sophomore college student. She was from a nice upper-middle-class family. Her family was a close-knit one, and they visited her as often as they could. She had a reliable boyfriend, a car, and was doing well in school. Most of us who were from broken homes, had stupid or no boyfriends, and had to work, envied Winnie.

Winnie had everything going for her, a lot more than we could say for ourselves. Life was doing justice on Winnie, until she bumped into Kent. One of Winnie's problems was drinking, and this problem was uncontrol-

lable whenever she went to a gathering of some sort. It was at one of these parties that Winnie met Kent, they were both drunk, both horny, and they ended up sleeping together.

The next time Kent saw Winnie, he pretended nothing had happened between them; worst of all, he pretended he didn't even know who she was. To Kent, what had happened that night was a mistake that was caused by intoxication. He loved his girlfriend very much and he wasn't going to let a thing like that ruin his relationship.

To Winnie, what had happened that night was more than a one-night stand. She started fantasizing a lot about Kent, and about the two of them together. She lost any kind of feeling she had for her boyfriend, and suggested they call it quits. Her plan was to make Kent hers, and since Kent wouldn't even notice

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Mr. Free Advice

Because advice is always worth the price you paid for it!

This column is a parody and not to be taken seriously. On a personal note, please be aware that you should not ask the advice of anyone who works for The Point, we're not good people.

Free Advice Column

Dear Mr. Free Advice,

I have this really weird problem, my boyfriend and I tried this new "position" if you get what I mean and we got stuck! I was so embarrassed, but he just insisted that if we kept trying we could get unstuck. No luck, we ended up squirming and fighting for about an hour before I called for help. My RA had to key her way into the room and when she discovered us she thought we were total sex wierdos! We finally managed to convince her we weren't freaks and she had to call the hospital, long story short EVERYONE in the building found out! I'm so embarrassed, I want to die? What should I do?

Mangled in Mara

Dear Mangled,

You claim that you feel like a freak, that's because you are a freak! I can't believe that I'm actually answering this! But I did think that it was important to let the students of FSC know that some sexual positions may not be the safest thing you could try. Why not stick with something easy to get and perfectly safe to try if you're looking for thrills, like train-dodging?

Dear Mr. Free Advice,

My boyfriend is a total deadbeat! He is always coming over to my room, drunk and ready to eat me out of all the food I have. He began listening to really weird music since he's been up here and he hangs out with these weird guys, I think they may have gotten him on drugs! I've told him I want him out of my life for good, but he just doesn't get it, he says that we were meant to be together and that the "eternal beast" wishes me to have

-AnneMarie Donahue, editor-in-chief
his child. What should I do, I'm getting scared.

Horrorified in Herlihy

Dear Herlihy

Well, this is just a thought but next time the cretin decides to come over drunk and hungry call the cops on his dumb butt! If the idiot decides to make something of it get some pepper spray! Case closed.

Dear Mr. Free Advice,

I am a concerned student writing in to find out if The Point plans on announcing plans for New Year's Eve at Fitchburg State College. I'm not interested in the parties or anything like that, I want to know about what the school plans to do for the nuclear fallout sure to come. I mean, you can't be living in a dream world thinking that the commies won't use this as a perfect chance to attack. Our defenses will be weakened because of the Internet domination of our resources by the corrupt Bill Gates, who plans to take over our country and then most of the industrialized world after World War III. Are they building fallout shelters? Where are they located and will students be chosen to survive by their grade point average or by survival skills?

Paranoid in Percival

Dear Paranoid,

Well, no the school isn't building a fallout shelter but there is a way to make sure that you are safe. On the night of New Year's Eve if you find that the bombs are dropping you can always hide underneath that little ledge of the Dining Commons. Not only will you be safe from the bombs, but those "commies" will never think to look for you there.

We are the people, now is the time

by Nicole Fernald

On Oct. 15 over 2,000 college students from across the country and the globe, including four from Fitchburg State College, arrived at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia for the start of the first Econference 2000. The mayor of Philadelphia, Edward Rendell, opened the conference with a welcome to the students and speakers saying that Philadelphia was proud to host such a powerful event. Director of organizations like Corporate Watch, Ozone Action, and Greenpeace all spoke about the power that students have over the future of the world and the environmental movement. Ralph Nader, consumer activist, honored by Time magazine as one of the 100 most influential Americans of the 20th century, spoke about the potential of renewable energy and how corporations need to be held responsible for their reckless behavior toward humanity and the environment.

Students spent all Saturday attending workshops and panels on issues from Tibet to teaching songs to children. On Sunday the conference ended with a parade led by Wavy Gravy. Before the parade departed from the University of Pennsylvania, Michael



Moore, the film maker and author who uses his sense of humor in exposing corporations' irresponsible behavior, talked to students about what to take back to their campuses then they left the conference. Moore stressed that anyone with just five minutes can make a difference. Being an activist doesn't mean devoting your whole life to a cause, he said; if everyone does a small part change will happen.

"The conference and the parade were educational and inspirational. It opened my eyes to the world and now I see it in a different way," said Tara Gauthier, a junior attending FSC. Sarah Latshaw, a freshman, with Emily Ashman, a sophomore, also attended the conference.

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her, it was difficult for her. She sent him notes, telling him how she felt, but he ignored them. She started watching him, following him. She mastered his class schedule, his workout schedule, his daily activities. She followed him when he took his girlfriend on dates, she tapped his phone, installed a camera in his room and videotaped him. She took pictures of him, and hung them in her closet. At some point she felt that Kent's girlfriend was the one hindering their happiness together, so she started sending her threatening notes. She told her that if she didn't leave Kent, she (Winnie) was going to hurt her. To show her how serious she was, she told her things that she knew about them that know one else did.

After a couple of spooky threats from Winnie, Kent's girlfriend left him. Winnie then went to him and told him how she felt, what she had done, and she even told him that she wanted to be with him. He got scared and told her to

get out of his room, and that nothing in this world was going to ever bring them together. That really hurt Winnie. She had given up so much: her studies, her friends, her boyfriend. She went into depression after that, drinking too much, not going to classes. She also started using drugs. Winnie thought about forcing Kent to be with her, but she didn't want to hurt him. So one day, she decided to end it all, and took an overdose of her pills, plus alcohol.

I had gone down to get Stacey when I saw Stacey screaming and crying. She called out to me to call 911. I did, and some moments later, the ambulance and the police arrived, and took Winnie away.

I heard she survived, and went to a rehabilitation clinic. She didn't come back to school, and I hope she doesn't run into Kent again. I always wondered and will forever be confused about what it was about him that drove her insane.

Society for Technical Communication gets a second chance at FSC

By Kevin Carr

At Fitchburg State College, there are a variety of clubs and organizations to choose from. These groups cover a variety of interests: athletic, social, religious, and educational.

One organization that is open to anyone in the Communications and English concentrations is the Society for Technical Communication.

STC is a professional organization for all writers, film, television, graphics, multimedia and photography students.

"The Society for Technical Communication allows students from many different backgrounds the opportunity to gather with other creative people in different concentrations," said a spokesman for the organization.

It also is a professional organization, which allows members to network with working professionals in their desired field.

Several students revived the Society for Technical Communication last year with the help of Dr. Charles Sides, the advisor to STC.



The group holds meetings once a month with a professional speaker scheduled once a month as well.

The STC is also sponsoring a Peer Portfolio Review for all Communications and English students who are either going out on internships or seeking help with their writing portfolios.

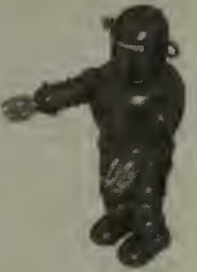
The Peer Portfolio Review is being scheduled for late November, so stay tuned for that.

The STC also offers a variety of opportunities for networking with professionals, scholarships, and contests.

If you are a Communications or English major, this is a very important group for you to check out and become a part of.

If you are interested please email Dr. Charles Sides, and ask him to put you on the mailing list.

Again, the STC is a very important organization for Communications/English majors who are looking to distinguish themselves from the rest of the competition.



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Bears maul the Falcons, 42-14

by Michael T. Ryder

It was a classic David vs. Goliath matchup, but without the surprise ending. The FSC Falcons football team visited Bridgewater State College Saturday in an effort to stop the Bears' 13-game winning streak. The Bears' winning streak, dating back to last year, remained intact as they soundly defeated the Falcons 42-14. In the process the Bears, ranked 23rd in the nation in Division III football, improved their overall season record to 9-0, 6-0 in the New England Football Conference.

Bridgewater State running back Seto Berry, rushing for 134 yards, got the Bears on the board first with a 25-yard touchdown run and shortly thereafter Bridgewater State linebacker Mike Higgins' 45-yard interception return for a touchdown put the Bears up 14-0. Fitchburg State quickly answered with a 5-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Rich Boardman to Kevin Callahan, cutting the Bears' lead to seven.

After Boardman's touchdown pass, the Bears outscored the Falcons 28-7, including 14 unanswered points in the



Football State College coaching staff members review the Bridgewater game.

fourth quarter. Bridgewater State quarterback Dan Maurer attacked the Falcons' secondary, throwing his second touchdown pass of the game, a 32-yard pass, to wide receiver Andy Macaione, and although Boardman countered with his second touchdown of the game, a 16-yarder to Kevin Carlo, to bring the Falcons within 14 points, Fitchburg State would not score

again.

Bridgewater State's fourth-quarter touchdowns included Berry's third of the game, as well as a 43-yard bomb from Bears' running back Shane Young to Macaione.

The Falcons, now 5-4 on the season, got 151 rushing yards on 41 carries from D'Andra Freeman. Going into next week's home game against

Western New England College, Freeman only needs to gain 140 yards to break the NEFC record for yards rushing in a season (1,734).

The Falcons also got strong performances from Boardman, who in addition to his two touchdowns, threw for 68 yards, and Carlo, who racked up 44 total yards from scrimmage (21 yards rushing/23 yards receiving).

Solution to this week's crossword puzzle (puzzle found on page 4)

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In the Worcester vs. Fitchburg football game, a sack was made by FSC player Jason Anderson. The player was misidentified in a story in a past issue of The Point. Also, a touchdown attributed to Scott Dredge was actually made by Jason Anderson. We apologize for the errors.